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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON COFFEE SALES

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT COFFEE SALES FROM SOME PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE STOPPED AS A RESULT OF THE RAPID DROP IN COFFEE PRICES OVER THE LAST MONTH (REFTELS). ICO INDICATOR PRICES HAVE FALLEN ALMOST 20 PERCENT SINCE APRIL 14. IN RESPONSE, SOME EXPORTERS ARE REPORTED TO BE UNWILLING TO ENTER THE MARKET, DUE TO COFFEE EXPORT POLICIES OF GOVERNMENTS ON EXPORTER ASSOCIATIONS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER SUSPENSION OF COFFEE SALES HAS TAKEN PLACE OR IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND TO WHAT EXTENT GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE INVOLVED. IF IT IS FOUND THAT GOVERNMENT MEASURES ARE IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY HALT IN COFFEE EXPORTS, EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO RAISE THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE U.S., NOTING THAT:

-- TODAY'S HIGH COFFEE PRICES ARE CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES BECAUSE THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO PERMANENT LOSSES IN CONSUMPTION AND REDUCTION OF

THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS.

-- ACTIONS THAT COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SUPPLY DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN COFFEE PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES REQUIRED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT.

-- WE WOULD WELCOME CONFIRMATION THAT PRODUCING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS PLAN TO PURSUE POLICIES THAT CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE COFFEE EXPORTS AND DO NOT INTERFERE WITH ANY DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS IN PRICES. CHRISTOPHER

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